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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS: SUDAN PRESS COVERAGE

1. GENERAL BAGHIR'S MAR 10 SPEECH LED SUDAN'S THREE DAILY PAPERS TODAY, MAR 11. HEADLINES IN BOTH ARABIC PAPERS, WHILE CONCENTRATING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS BAGHIR'S SPEECH, EMPHASIZED GOS " ATTITUDE TOWARD ARAB CAUSE IS ABOVE DOUBT" AND " BAGHIR ASSERTS WE DO NOT RPT DO NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO BARGAINS".

2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED INCLUDED HEADLINE IN AL SAHAFA WHICH SAID, " SOVIET UNION CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF DIPLOMATS IN KHARTOUM". REFERRING TO STATEMENT MADE IN UN BY YACOUB MALIK, USSR'S PERM REP, PAPER SAID HE ALSO CONDEMNED DOWNING LIBYAN PLANE AND STATED SOVIET UNION CONDEMNS " ALL TYPES TERRORISM".

3. GOS WORKERS' REPS WITHDREW FROM CONFERENCE ARAB WORKERS IN CAIRO WHEN ITEM PLACED ON AGENDA CALLING FOR NIMAIRI TO " TREAT BSO HUMANELY". GOS REPS REPORTED AS CONSIDERING TEXT " INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SUDAN" AND WITHDREW.

4. BOTH ARABIC DAILIES CARRIED STORY ABOUT GOS DEL WHICH RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM US WHERE IT CALLED ON PRES NIXON. REPORTING TO PRES NIMAIRI IN PEOPLE'S PALACE, DEL INCLUDED: MIN OF PUBLIC

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SERVICE AND ADMIN REFORM ABDUL RAHMAN ABDALLAH, AND SUDAN'S AMBASSADOR TO WASH HAMZA. THEY CONVEYED TO PRES NIMAIRI VERBAL REPORT ON US MEETINGS WHERE THEY MET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, UN SECGEN KURT WALDHEIM, SEC STATE ROGERS AND ASSSECSTATE AFAFF NEWSOM. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE CARRIED. DEL ALSO CALLED ON FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID AFTER ITS MEETING WITH PRES NIMAIRI.

5. MININFO OMAR HAJ MUSA TOLD SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) THAT GOS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT RPT NOT ARRESTED ABDEL LATIF ABOU LATIF ABOU HIGLA, LOCAL CHIEF OF PLAESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). MUSA SAID, HOWEVER, THAT ABOU HIGLA WAS " NOW IN HIS HOUSE AND MAY LEAVE THE SUDAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS OF HIS OWN ACCORD".

6. GOS OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OMAR HAJ MUSA ALSO TOLD SUNA NONE OF BSO MEMBERS WHO ATTACKED SAUDI EMBASSY WANTED TO KIDNAP EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN " HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR", HE SAID.

7. AL AYAM EDITORIAL TODAY SAID " SUDAN'S IDEOLOGICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINE CAUSE WAS, IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS IT IS: SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE".

8. SAHAFA EDITORIAL ON " DUTIES OF FATAH AND ITS HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITIES" SAID, " IT IS CLEAR LOCAL OFFICE OF FATAH IN KHARTOUM IS PARTNER IN MASSACRE HERE. USING WORDS LIKE ' IMPERIALISM', ' PLOTTING', ETC., WILL NOT PERMIT FATAH ESCAPE SHOULDERING RESPONSIBILITIES. FATAH MUST SHOULDER COURAGEOUSLY CONSEQUENCES ITS ACTIONS."

9. DANISH FONMIN SENT MESSAGE TO GOS CONDEMNING BSO AND ITS OPERATION IN KHARTOUM.

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